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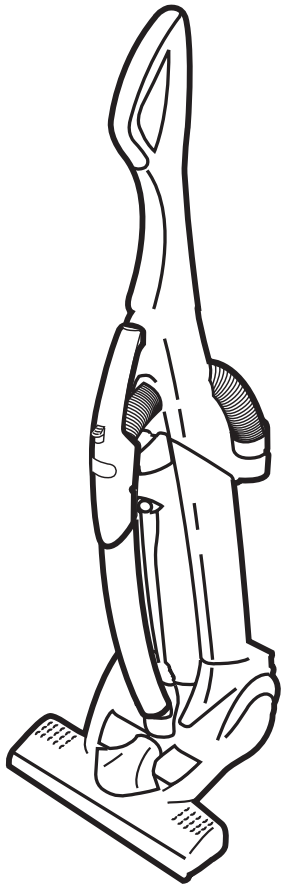

VX1

BAGLESS UPRIGHT VACUUM CLEANER
Vax Model Number: VX1

Please read carefully before using the cleaner. Always fully extend the mains cable before use.

Instruction Manual

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1. Diagram

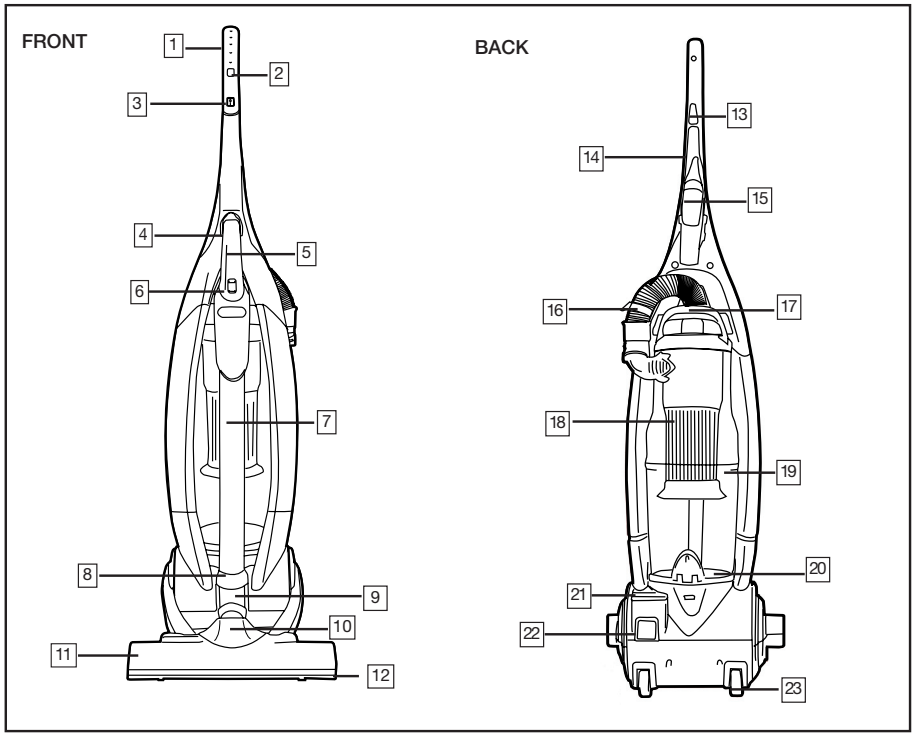
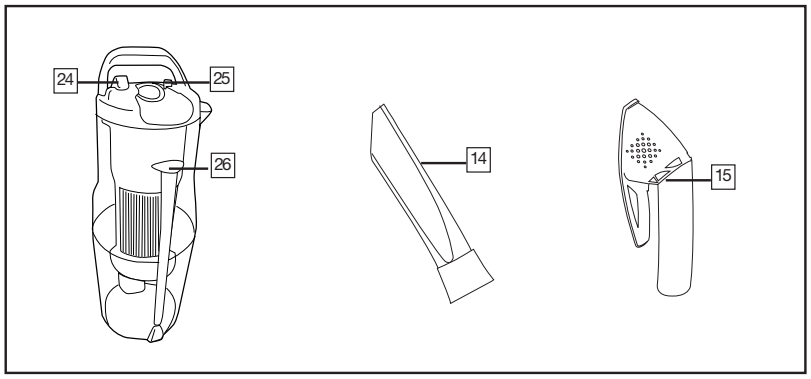


Fig.1/1

1 Soft grip handle
2 Brushbar on/off switch
3 Power on/off switch
4 Motor protection switch
5 Stretch hose handle
6 Stretch hose release button
7 Removable flexible hose (inside tube)
8 Brush edge
9 Stair hose anchor
10 Suction channel cover
11 Brushbar
12 Patented edge cleaning
13 Cord clip
14 On-board crevice tool
15 On-board stair tool
16 Container release (push down) and carrying handle (lift up)
17 Stair hose anchor clip
18 Lifetime HEPA filter
19 Dirt container
20 Post-motor filter
21 Cord rewind pedal
22 Plug
23 Wheels



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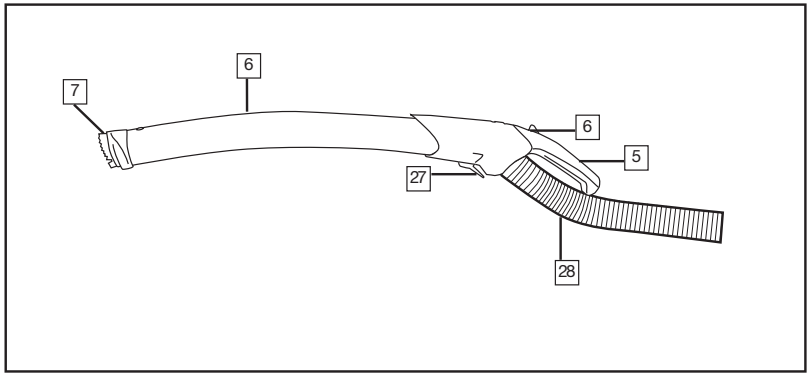

Fig.1/3

24 Filter agitator button
25 HEPA filter eject button
26 Dirt container release button
27 Hose release button
28 Flexible hose
5 Stretch hose handle
6 Stretch hose release button
7 Removable flexible hose (inside tube
8 Brush edge
14 Crevice tool (stored on-board)
15 Stair cleaning tool (stored on-board)

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2. Safety Information

FOR HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY.
When using the vacuum cleaner, basic safety precautions should always be observed, including the following:

1. Only use the vacuum cleaner indoors on dry surfaces.
2. Turn off the vacuum cleaner controls before connecting to or disconnecting from the mains supply.
3. Always unplug the vacuum cleaner before connecting or disconnecting the vacuum hose.
4. Use only as described in this manual. Use only the manufacturer's recommended attachments.
5. Close attention is necessary when used by or near children. Do not allow children to use as a toy.
6. Do not use the vacuum cleaner with a damaged cord or plug. Do not use the vacuum cleaner if it has been dropped, damaged, left outdoors or dropped into water. Return the vacuum cleaner to a Vax Authorised Service Agent or suitably qualified person for examination, repair or adjustment.
7. Do not pull or carry by the cord. Do not use the cord as a handle, close a door on the cord or pull the cord around sharp edges or corners. Do not run the vacuum cleaner over the cord. Keep the cord away from heated surfaces.
8. Do not handle the plug or vacuum cleaner with wet hands. Do not use outdoors or on wet surfaces.
9. Do not put any objects into openings. Do not use with any openings blocked and do not restrict air flow. Keep all openings free of dust, lint, hair or anything that may reduce airflow.
10. Keep hair, loose clothing, fingers and all parts of the body away from openings and moving parts.
11. Do not pick up hot coals, cigarette butts, matches or any hot, smoking or burning objects.
12. Do not pick up flammable or combustible materials (lighter fluid, petrol, kerosene, etc) or use in the presence of explosive liquids or vapours.
13. Do not vacuum up harmful or toxic material (chlorine bleach, ammonia, drain cleaner, etc).
14. Do not vacuum up hard or sharp objects such as glass, nails, screws, coins, etc.
15. Do not use without the filters in place.
16. Use extra care when vacuuming on stairs.
17. Keep vacuuming area well lit.
18. Store the vacuum indoors in a cool, dry area.
19. Turn off the switch before unplugging.
20. Use only CE-approved 13 amp extension cords. Non-approved extension cords may overheat. Care should be taken to arrange the cord so that the cord cannot be pulled or tripped over.

WARNING: Always switch off and unplug the vacuum cleaner from the electrical outlet before assembling, opening or emptying the dirt container, or before connecting/disconnecting the attachments.

CAUTION: The vacuum cleaner is a very powerful unit. Before plugging the cord into the outlet make sure the switch is in the 'off' position. Hold the vacuum cleaner firmly when starting and in use.

IMPORTANT: If the vacuum inlet or hose is blocked, switch off the vacuum cleaner and remove the blockage(s) before re-starting the vacuum cleaner.

IMPORTANT: Cleaning filters regularly improves vacuum performance. Make sure all filters are replaced back into the vacuum cleaner before using.

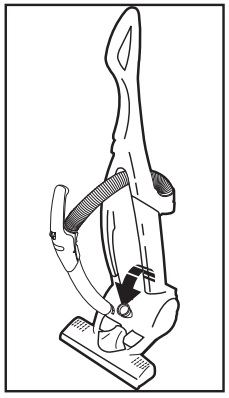
This vacuum cleaner is intended for household use only and not for commercial or industrial use.

PLEASE KEEP THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR FURTHER USE.

3. Use & Function

IMPORTANT: Always remove the power plug from the electrical outlet before assembling or removing accessories.

1. Push the bottom end of the stretch hose tube on to the opening at the bottom of the vacuum cleaner (Fig.3/1). Push the tube handle towards the vacuum cleaner until it clicks into place (Fig.3/1A).



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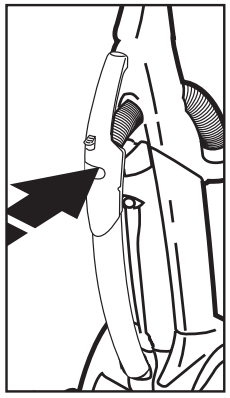


Fig.3/1A

2. To store the accessories, flip-down the accessories holder at the back of the cleaner (Fig.3/2).

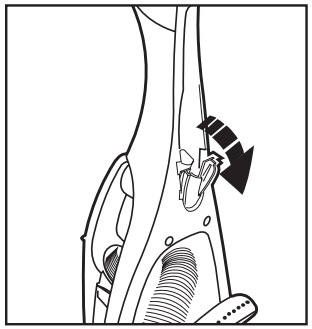


Fig.3/2

3. Attach the crevice tool and stair cleaning tool (Fig.3/3).

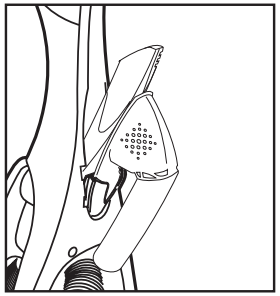


Fig.3/3

4. Push in the accessories holder (Fig.3/4).

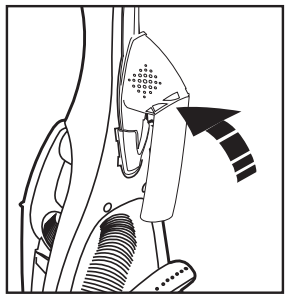


Fig.3/4

IMPORTANT: Once all of the attachments are in place unwind the cable fully and insert the plug into a wall outlet. For easier handling while vacuuming, hook the power cord into the cord clip.

4. How to Operate

IMPORTANT: Switch off the brushbar to obtain the best results on smooth surfaces and hard floors.

NOTE: The brushbar is automatically switched off when it is the vertically parked position.

1. Switch the vacuum cleaner on by pressing the power on/off switch (Fig.4/1). Press the switch again to turn the cleaner off.

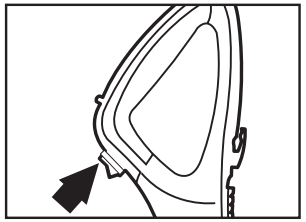


Fig.4/1

2. Place foot onto vacuum cleaner head and at the same time tilt the vacuum cleaner back to start vacuuming (Fig.4/2). The handle can be lowered to provide a low profile to fit under furniture. For vacuuming on different surfaces, the brushbar automatically adjusts to the surface.

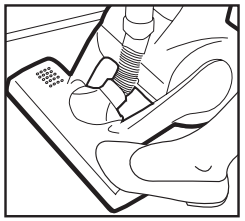
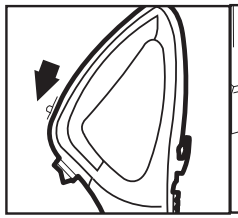


Fig.4/2

3. The brushbar is switched on/off using the brushbar on/off switch located on the handle (Fig.4/3). The edge-to-edge brushbar picks up dirt right up to the skirting boards (Fig.4/3A).



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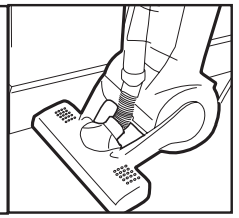

Fig.4/3A

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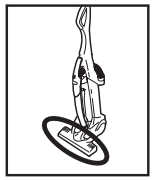
NOTE: For passing over obstacles or vacuuming on thick carpets, place the cleaner in its vertical parked position and pass the cleaner over the obstacle by tilting the cleaner.

4. If vacuuming needs to be paused briefly bring the vacuum cleaner into its vertical locking position. The brushbar switches off automatically to prevent any damage to the carpet (Fig.4/4). To resume vacuuming tilt the cleaner back and the brushbar will switch on again automatically.



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Cord Rewind

After use, turn the vacuum cleaner off and unplug from the electrical outlet. Press the pedal for the cord rewind to draw the power cord automatically (Fig.4/5).

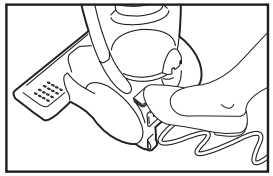


Fig.4/5

Motor Thermostat

IMPORTANT: The motor is equipped with a thermal cut out. If, for any reason the vacuum cleaner should overheat, the thermal cut-out will automatically turn the unit off. Should this occur, unplug the vacuum cleaner from the wall outlet and turn off the switch. Check for blockages. Remove the dirt container and empty. Allow the vacuum cleaner to cool for approximately one hour. To restart, plug into a wall outlet and switch back on. If the vacuum cleaner still does not start, contact Vax Care on 0870 6061248.

5. Accessories

NOTE: The two accessory parts may be used on the stretch hose tube and/or the stretch hose.

Vacuuming Stairs

IMPORTANT: For safety reasons when vacuuming stairs, leave the vacuum cleaner at the bottom.

1. Press the stretch hose tube release button (Fig.5/1). The stretch hose tube can be used on its own or accessories can be added.

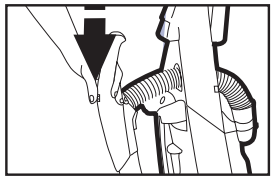


Fig.5/1

2. To prevent the vacuum cleaner from tipping over when using the hose, connect the stair hose anchorclip to the stair hose anchor at the base of the cleaner (Fig.5/2).

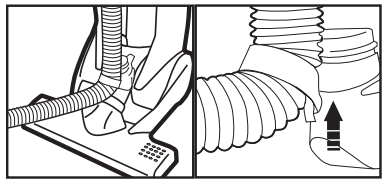


Fig.5/2

3. Press the stretch hose release button and pull out the hose (Fig.5/3).

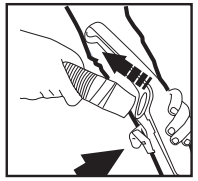


Fig.5/3

4. Attach the accessory (Fig.5/4).

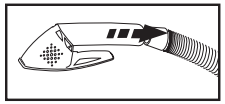
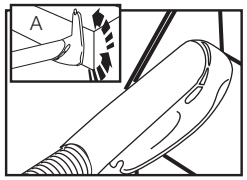


Fig.5/4

5. Use the stair cleaning tool for corners and stair treads (Fig.5/5). The stair cleaning tool can be rotated to clean the risers and allow for vacuuming in poorly accessible areas (Fig.5/5A).



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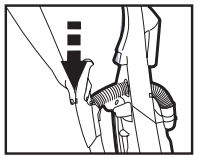
Vacuuming Upholstery, Furniture and Curtains

Remove the stretch hose (Fig.5/6).



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Crevice tool: For upholstery and furniture use the crevice tool to fit into corners and small spaces (Fig.5/7).

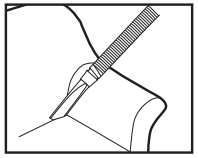

Fig.5/7

Brush edge: When cleaning surfaces use the brush edge tool on the end of the stretch hose tube to avoid scratching (Fig.5/8).

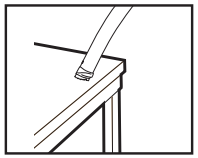

Fig.5/8

Stair tool: To clean curtains, use the stair tool (Fig.5/9). Air vents in the tool reduce the suction. Twist the head tool for the best contact with the curtains. The stretch hose tube can be added for hard to reach areas.

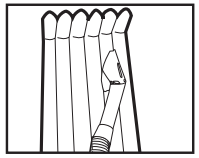

Fig.5/9

NOTE: After vacuuming, slide the stretch hose back into the stretch hose tube. This can be done manually or by switching on the vacuum cleaner, covering the end of the tube with a hand and pressing the hose release button. The resulting low pressure pulls the stretch hose back into the tube automatically (Fig.5/10).

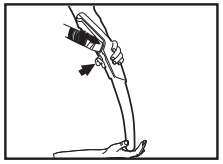

Fig.5/10

6. Dirt Container & Filter: Removal & Replacement

WARNING: To reduce the risk of injury from moving parts, unplug before servicing.

NOTE: Unplug the vacuum cleaner before changing the filter. For best performance, regularly clean filters.

1. The dirt container must be emptied as soon as or before the maximum capacity mark is reached (Fig.6/1).

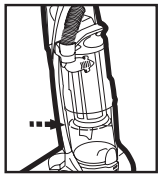

Fig.6/1

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2. Unlock and remove the dirt container by pushing the carry handle down and away from the machine (Fig.6/2).

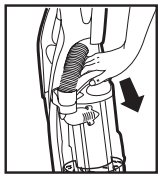


Fig.6/2

3. Tapping the container several times will help to loosen any dirt that may have become attached to the filter (Fig.6/3).

Fig.6/3

4. Press the filter agitator button three times to loosen any dirt that has become stuck to the filter itself (Fig.6/4).

Fig.6/4

5. Empty the container by pushing the dirt container release button over a rubbish bin (Fig.6/5).

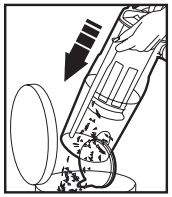


Fig.6/5

6. Close the dirt container and replace back into the vacuum cleaner until you hear it click (Fig.6/6).

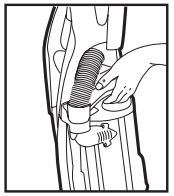


Fig.6/6

NOTE: Check the dirt container is secured in place before lifting the vacuum cleaner.

HEPA Filter Blocked

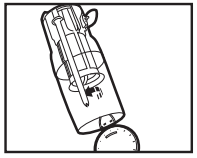
WARNING: To reduce the risk of injury from moving parts, unplug before servicing.

NOTE: Unplug the vacuum cleaner before changing filter.

NOTE: For best performance clean filters regularly.

Under certain conditions, eg. when vacuuming fine particles, the filter may become blocked resulting in a loss of suction.

1. Switch off the vacuum cleaner and unplug from wall outlet. Remove and empty the dirt container.
2. Remove the filter cover by turning it anti-clockwise and pulling it away from the dirt container (Fig.6/7).



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3. Press the HEPA filter eject button, located on the top of the dirt container to release the filter (Fig.6/8).

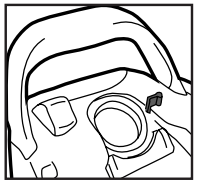


Fig.6/8

4. Tap the filter gently on its base. This will dislodge the dirt (Fig.6/9). Do not wash, brush or scour the filter this is due to the delicate membrane that can be damaged.

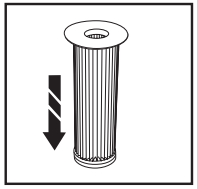


Fig.6/9

5. Replace the filter back into the dirt container until it clicks into place (Fig.6/10).

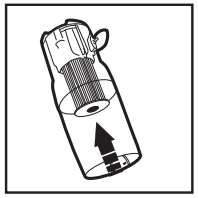


Fig.6/10

6. Replace the filter container and click it into place by turning it in a clockwise direction (Fig.6/11). Close the flap and refit the dirt container.

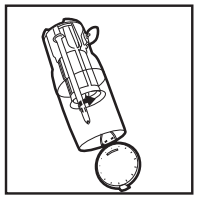


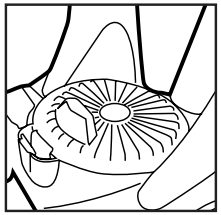
Fig.6/11

Cleaning the Post-motor Filter

IMPORTANT: Switch off the vacuum cleaner and unplug from the wall outlet.

NOTE: Vax recommend changing the post-motor filter every 12 months. Call Vax Care on 0870 6061248 or visit www.vax.co.uk for further information.

1. Remove the dirt container.
2. Lift out the post-motor grille by pressing the locking tab and remove it (Fig.6/12).



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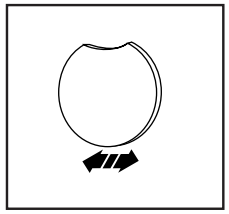
3. Remove the post-motor filter and shake it clean (Fig.6/13). Replace the cleaned post-motor filter and fit the post-motor grille back into position.



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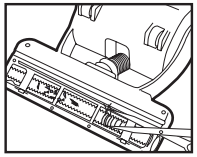
7. Rotating Brushbar: Removal & Replacement

The motor switches off automatically if the brushbar is blocked during operation by vacuuming up foreign objects, or if strands of carpet are wrapped around it.

IMPORTANT: Switch off the vacuum cleaner and unplug it from the wall outlet before servicing.

1. Lay the vacuum cleaner down on a flat surface and turn over to expose the brushbar. Using a pair of scissors, cut through any threads or hairs caught by the brushbar that have wrapped around the guides (Fig.7/1).



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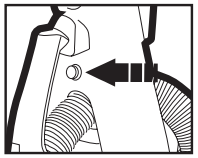
2. There is an automatic system which cuts off the power supply if the brushbar gets clogged up. After cleaning the brushes, wait for 2 minutes then plug the vacuum cleaner into the wall outlet and press the reset button (Fig.7/2) before pressing the power on/off switch.



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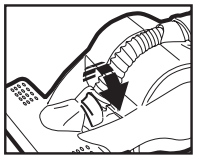
8. Maintenance

IMPORTANT: Switch off the vacuum cleaner and unplug it from the wall outlet before servicing.

Blockage in Suction Channel

1. Lay the vacuum cleaner down and rotate the hose collar in a clockwise direction to release the hose (Fig.8/1).



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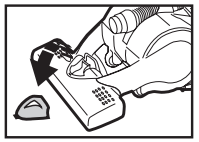
2. Remove the suction channel cover and remove any blockage beneath it (Fig.8/2).



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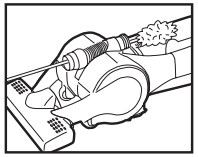
3. Remove the suction pipe and use a feather duster to brush out the hose (Fig.8/3).



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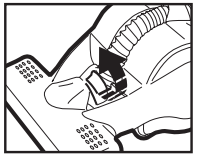
4. Replace the channel cover before attaching the hose collar by turning it in an anti-clockwise direction (Fig.8/4).



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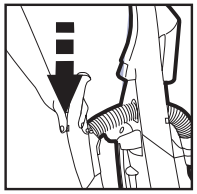
Hose Blockage

IMPORTANT: Switch off the vacuum cleaner and unplug it from the wall outlet before servicing.

1. Lift out the stretch hose tube (Fig.8/5).



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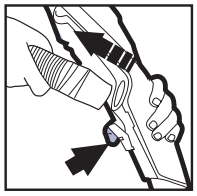
2. Remove the stretch hose from the stretch hose tube (Fig.8/6).



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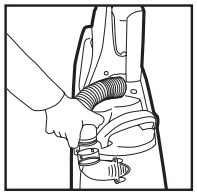
3. Pull the stretch hose to one side to remove it from the dirt container (Fig.8/7).



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4. After removing the hose use a feather duster to brush it clean and remove the blockage (Fig.8/8).

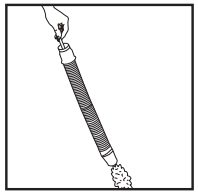


Fig.8/8

5. Push the stretch hose back onto the inlet on the dirt container and insert the other end of the hose back into the stretch hose tube (Fig.8/9).

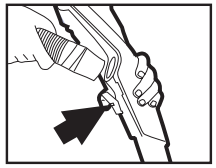
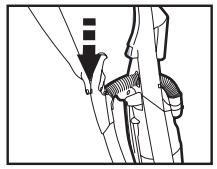


Fig.8/9

6. Return the stretch hose tube to the vacuum cleaner until it clicks into place (Fig.8/10).



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8. Troubleshooting

WARNING: TO REDUCE RISK OF PERSONAL INJURY, UNPLUG VACUUM CLEANER BEFORE SERVICING

PROBLEM: Cleaner won't run

Cause: Not properly plugged into wall outlet.
Solution: Plug in firmly.

Cause: No electricity in wall outlet.
Solution: Check fuse or breaker.

Cause: On/off switch not turned on.
Solution: Push on/off switch to on.

Cause: Motor thermostat tripped.
Solution: Reset motor thermostat (see page 6).

Cause: Blown fuse/tripped breaker.
Solution: Reset circuit breaker or replace fuse.

PROBLEM: Cleaner won't pick up

Cause: Full or clogged dirt container.
Solution: Clean dirt container.

Cause: Clogged nozzle.
Solution: Remove obstruction.

Cause: Clogged dirt inlet.
Solution: Remove suction channel cover and remove obstruction.

Cause: Clogged hose.
Solution: Remove obstruction.

Cause: Hose not inserted fully.
Solution: Push hose in securely.

Cause: Dirty filters or filter container.
Solution: Clean/change filters or filter container.

PROBLEM: Accessories won't pick up

Cause: Accessories not attached correctly.
Solution: Refer to page 6 for fitting information.

PROBLEM: Brushbar does not turn

Cause: Brushbar blocked.

Solution: Remove blockages, wait 2 minutes and press the motor protection switch.

PROBLEM: Air flow restricted with attachment use

Cause: Attachment use restricts air flow.
Solution: Check attachment.

Cause: New carpet debris clogging air path.
Solution: Remove obstruction.

9. UK Service & Help

Vax Care 0870 6061248

Monday-Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm.
An answerphone is available outside of these hours. Any queries or concerns about using the Vax, call the Vax Careline. Calls are charged at the UK national rate.

Please make a note of the serial number and model number of the carpet cleaner before calling. There are over 400 approved Vax Service Agents in the UK. For the nearest Service Agent, please call the Vax Careline.

www.vax.co.uk

10. Technical Specification

Power supply:	230-240V ~50Hz
Motor power:	1600W
Dirt container:	4.2 litres
Filter system:	Lifetime HEPA filter Post-motor filter
Cord length:	7.8m
Weight:	8.4kg

Subject to technical change without notice.

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Manufacturer/EEC importer: Vax Limited, hereby on our own responsibility, declare that the declare that the product VX1 is manufactured in compliance with the following:

Safety: 73/23/EEC Low Voltage Directive, as modified by 93/68/EEC
EMC: 89/336/EEC Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive, as modified by 93/68/EEC

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